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DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Please amend the paragraph at page 2, line 21, through page 3, line 7, in the originally filed specification as follows:

A stator ring 1 is associated with a group of ventilation assemblies 2 conform with the invention, each of which occupies a portion of the circumference of ring 1 and comprises a group of parallel manifolds 3 in the form of an arc of a circle, a distributor 4 that distributes ventilation air between all manifolds 3 and a feed pipe 5 (visible in figure 2) adjacent to distributor 4. In general, the feed pipes 5 join together after one or several other distributors, although these distributors are not shown since they are not the subject of this invention, which is more specifically related to the end of the ventilation assemblies 2, in other words their parts that are close to the ring 1 to be ventilated. Note also means of supporting manifolds 3 on ring 1, including rods 6, the ends of which are fixed to ring 1 and each of which covers one end of one of the groups of manifolds 3, crossing over them.

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, line 26, through page 6, line 29, in the originally filed specification as follows:

The rods 6 means will now be described fully with reference to figure 4 to show how they provide complementary support for manifolds 3. Brackets 22 are connected to one end of the stator ring 1 through attachment bolts 23 and comprise a flange 24 under one end of the rod 6; the other end of the rod is placed on a bossing 25 of the stator ring 1. Bolts 26 and 27 are screwed to the flange 24 and to the bossing 25. They hold the ends of the rod 6 in place on the flange and the bossing, compressing springs 28 bearing on the rod 6 through washers 29. This type of assembly gives better control of the thrust of the rods 6 on the brackets 24 and 25. If this force is excessive, the assembly is rigid and does not allow movements due to temperature. The best control is due to the fact that it is easier to calibrate a compression force of a spring 28 by adjusting the height under the collar of dish 31, than to adjust a tension force in a bolt 26 by tightening it to

a defined torque. Furthermore, the rod 6 to which the manifolds 3 are welded is formed with wide openings 30 around bolts 26 and 27, so that it can slide axially and tangentially with respect to the stator ring. Therefore this flexible assembly avoids producing excessive internal stresses in the ventilation assembly 2, since the manifolds 3 are able to move above the ring 1 without exerting excessive forces. These relative displacements are usually due to differential thermal expansion. Pressing one of the coils 15 against the end 20 of the corresponding rib 11 also gives some flexibility by allowing the ventilation assembly 2 to move at the ends, while being pulled towards the stator ring 1 and the bottom of the V-notch 21 by the springs 28. This flexibility is valuable since it allows the inevitable differential thermal expansion that occurs with this type of equipment.

Please replace the Abstract at page 9, lines 1-11, with the following: